

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1354

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend R.T. Summers on his induction as the 2008 President of the Tennessee Road Builders Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as leaders in their profession of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is R.T. "Rab" Summers, who on February 23, 2008, was inducted as the 63rd President of the Tennessee Road Builders Association (TRBA); and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Johnson City, Rab Summers graduated from Duke University with a civil engineering degree and obtained his Master in Business Administration degree from Emory University; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, he began his career working full-time at Summers-Taylor, Inc., a heavy-highway construction company based in Elizabethton; and

WHEREAS, following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps, Mr. Summers became President of the company in 1981, becoming the third generation to lead Summers-Taylor; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Rab Summers was appointed by Governor Ned McWherter as the contractors' representative on the Tennessee Prevailing Wage Commission and has been reappointed to the Commission by Governor Sundquist and Governor Bredesen; and

WHEREAS, a savvy, competent, and industrious businessman, Mr. Summers has dedicated these very traits to the TRBA, serving in numerous capacities throughout his tenure with the organization; he has rendered sterling service as the organization's First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, and Treasurer, and he has stood as Chairman of the Grading Division, Asphalt Division, the Legislative Committee, and the

Recognition and Awards Committee, in addition to his membership on the Tennessee Highway Contractors Political Action Committee; and

WHEREAS, Rab Summers has also contributed his time, talents, and expertise to other professional organizations, such as the Tennessee Asphalt Pavement Association, of which he rendered astute service as President in 1978, and the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), of which he has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1987, was the ARTBA Southern Regional Vice-Chairman from 1990-1994, and serves on the AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Committee; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the community, Mr. Summers has served on the board of directors of the Johnson City Area Chamber of Commerce, the East Tennessee State University Foundation, and the Economic Development Board of Washington County; he is a past President of the Hands On! Regional Children's Museum; and

WHEREAS, his many personal and professional accomplishments aside, Rab Summers is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Nita, and their two children, Lena and Grant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Summers epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud R.T. "Rab" Summers for his dedication to the road building industry and making this State's exemplary highway system even better; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate R.T. "Rab" Summers on his election and recent induction as the 2008 President of the Tennessee Road Builders Association, honor and commend him for his meritorious service to the transportation needs of his fellow Tennesseans, and extend to him our best wishes for every success during his presidency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.